



# November

## McCormick's Creek State Park

Nature Center Hours: Thursday through Monday, 9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Closed: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Holidays

Look for our program schedules on the web:

<http://www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/2420.htm>

Our programs are free and open to the public after paying the park entrance fee. Please contact the Nature Center if you would like us to do a private program for your group- 812-829-4344.

**\*\*Healthy Parks/Healthy People:** Look for HP/HP on the schedule to get "INshape" with us, and discover what it takes to keep a state park or reservoir healthy.

### Wolf Cave Closed

All caves, sinkholes, tunnels and mines on DNR properties (except for Twin Caves at Spring Mill State Park) are closed until April 30, 2010 to provide protection from White-nosed Syndrome, a fungus that is killing bats in large numbers in the Northeastern U.S. and is now spreading west. Thank you for cooperating with IDNR in this effort.

## Friday, November 6<sup>th</sup>

### Nature Center Exhibit Room Grand Opening!

#### 11:30 am Nature Center Dedication

Be one of the first visitors to explore the new exhibits!

Step into a replica of a cave entrance, take a look at the glaciers that covered Indiana, lots of hands-on activities, a diorama with a "turtle run" for live turtles, a kids play space with puppets and books, and exhibits about the families who owned the land before McCormick's Creek became Indiana's first state park.

The bird-viewing room, a perennial favorite at the center, will also be open for your enjoyment!

## Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup>

### Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) Appreciation Day!

Be sure to visit the new CCC exhibit in the display room at the Nature Center!

- 11:00 AM Day in the Life of a CCC worker- Nature Center.** Enjoy a presentation featuring photos taken from a McCormick's Creek CCC worker's scrapbook.
- 1:00 PM Hike to the Fire Tower – Meet at the Canyon Inn.** Find out more about this CCC built structure on this short hike. Could you have been a Towerman?
- 3:00 PM CCC Bridge Tour- Meet at the Nature Center.** Take a short hike to visit the stone arch bridge and learn about its architecture.

## Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup>

- 11:00am Backyard Birds and Winter Foods – Nature Center.** Bird ID and winter feeding tips.

Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup>

- 11:00am

Oh, Deer! Nature Center. Examine antlers, pelt, tooth wear, and learn more about our native whitetail deer.
- 1:00pm

Tracking Wildlife Stories. Nature Center. What can you learn from animal tracks and signs?

Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup>

- 1:00pm

Pine Cone Turkey Craft – Nature Center. Create natural holiday table decorations!

Saturday, November 28<sup>th</sup>

- 11:00am

Adapt, Migrate or Hibernate—Nature Center. What’s your strategy for winter weather?
- 1:00pm

Snakes and Turtles, oh my! – Nature Center. Come see our new display area as we feed our resident reptiles.

Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup>

- 11:00am

Resident Birds—Nature Center Wildlife Room. Tips for enjoying the birds that stay in our area all winter.
- 1:00pm

Treats for the Birds – Nature Center. Create a gift for your backyard birds!

